

Application No.: 10/708,261

Docket No.: 22171-00012-US

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is submitted to correct obvious typographical errors in the Specification and Claims. No new matter is involved with any Specification or Claim amendment. Claims 1, 8, 11, 17, and 19 have been amended to correct grammatical/typographical errors.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims 1-20 in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22171-00012-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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